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**Advisory Board Meeting held July 29, 2003 at the Big Lost River Irrigation District Office in Mackay, Idaho.**

The meeting was called to order at 4:45 PM. Present were Advisory Board members Shane Rosenkrance, John Lambert, Alvin Crawford, Jay Pearson, Jay Jensen, Eric Aikele, Seth Beal, Watermaster Bob Duke, Irrigation District Supervisor Bob Shaffer and about 30 interested water users.

Bob Duke indicated that the Mackay Dam is at 4% of capacity with 3000 inches at the Moore diversion. The Dam will be out of storage in about two days and then there won't be enough water to reach the Moore diversion to fill the right. There is currently 17650 inches released from the dam with only 8120 inches accountable water, leaving a loss or shrink of about 9500 inches.

Bob indicated that according to water law if water can not be delivered it goes to the next right in line that can be delivered. If too much water is required to deliver to a senior right, futile call is made.

It was suggested that a Water Management plan needs to be made to help to satisfy the many concerns and many people interested in water. There are a lot of concerns by water users and residents of the lower part of the valley that there has been little water in the river beyond the Moore Diversion and the ground water level is dropping requiring many domestic wells to be deepened. It was suggested that some water be left in the river after futile call is made to help satisfy some of these concerns.

Jay Jensen moved that the Advisory Board favor that after the storage water is gone from the Dam that a reasonable attempt be made to deliver water to the senior rights below the Moore diversion. If this becomes impossible, the decrees will be determined by measuring the river at the Leslie Bridge and what ever decree is on that water that is undeliverable be left in the river below the lowest canal, with a maximum of 1000 to 1200 inches to stay in the river. All this is subject to review. This motion was seconded by Shane Rosenkrance and approved.

The meeting then adjourned.

*Alvin Crawford*  
Secretary